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1. All Reichsbahndirektionen reported for the month of January 1949 that the shortage of cars had become less acute and that most of the backlog of shipments had been cleared up. All passenger traffic decreased somewhat during January because of the shortage of ready cash.

Reichsbahndirektion Magdeburg

2. During January 1949, Derutra shipments for which no figures are available consisted of

Cellulose	Household equipment	RR ties
Footgear	Cardboard	Timber
Wooden houses	Fibre wood	Scrap iron
Seeds	X Daily machinery	Crane parts
Paraffin	Iron containers	Machine parts
Pumps	Rock and table salt	Measuring instruments
Machines	Potassium chloride	
Fluorspar	Iron castings	

3. Goods exported during January 1949:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Poland	Scrap iron, mine timber, chemicals
Czechoslovakia	Scrap iron, wooden friezes
Denmark	Earthenware
Netherlands	Chemicals

4. Goods imported during January 1949:

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Poland	Coke and hard coal 3324 carloads via Horka
Czechoslovakia	Coke 8207 " " Forst

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Reichsbahndirektion Cottbus

5. Goods exported during January 1949:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Belgium	4	Mine timber
	23	Lumber
Denmark	4	Glass
Austria	13	Sand for glass manufacture
Poland	1735	Coal
	6	Scrap iron
	126	Pit props
	12	Gravel
Switzerland	2	Medicinal glass
Czechoslovakia	8	Scrap iron
	35	Sand for glass manufacture
	59	Lignite tar

Reichsbahndirektion Erfurt

6. During January 1949, 623 carloads of coke from Poland and 580 carloads from Czechoslovakia were received by the Maximilianshuette in Unterwellenborn. Potash accounted for 12,734 carloadings. Of these, 3,864 carloads were destined for inland use, while 3,916 cars of potash were exported. Exports of sugar amounted to 752 carloads. Export figures for cement were below those of December 1948.

Reichsbahndirektion Greifswald

7. During January 1949, 3,303 cars were shipped to Russia; they contained troops, vehicles, construction material, RR ties, roofing tiles, fuel, lumber and timber, wooden houses, requisitioned and dismantled equipment, fittings, machines, and miscellaneous goods. Derutra shipments via Stettin amounted to 10,246 carloads, weight 137,957 tons and consisted of machine parts, briquettes, bicycles, new RR ties, gasoline, tar oil, cement, salt, lumber and timber, paraldehyde, fertilizer, canned fish, dismantled equipment, and other goods. In addition, 14 cars, weight 209 tons, carried lumber via Rostock and Wismar harbors to the USSR.

8. Other goods exported during January 1949:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Denmark	79	Lumber and timber
Poland	415	Mine timber, scrap iron and lumber
Czechoslovakia	2	Scrap iron
Switzerland	3	Timber
Belgium	65	Mine timber

9. Goods imported during January 1949:

<u>Origin</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Poland	42	Coal, pig iron
Czechoslovakia	17	Coke

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Austria, and Italy amounted to 358 cars, and from the Soviet zone of Germany to 79 cars. Shipments from Sweden, destined for various countries, consisted of 408 cars. Of these, 39 cars were destined for the Soviet zone.

Reichsbahndirektion Schwerin

11. Reparation shipments during January 1949:

<u>Transshipment Point</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	
Rostock	859	Sugar	665	Briquettes	
	621	Machinery	284	Cement	
	178	Cables	64	Barrels	
	44	Transformers	53	Bicycles	
	19	Roofing paper	40	Corundum	
	334	Miscellaneous goods	21	Shoes	
	22	Sewing machines	110	Paraffin	
	42	Magnesium chloride	24	Textiles	
	25	Glassware	24	Slate	
	22	Electric cables	29	Generators	
	20	Apparatus	18	Fittings	
	65	Fish	56	Wall plates	
	178	Cables	68	Chemicals	
	621	Machinery			
	Warnemuende	595	Mine timber	237	Cement
		139	Machinery	69	Sugar
68		Seeds	48	Lignite wax	
48		Hose	33	Chinaware	
192		Miscellaneous goods	20	Bicycles	
Wismar	2,587	Potash	1,249	Lumber	
	387	Cement	285	Sugar	
	101	Sodium	60	Plaster	
	283	Miscellaneous goods			

12. Goods shipped by boat during January 1949:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of Ships</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Scandinavian countries		
a. via Rostock	8 steamers	
	7 sailboats	Briquettes
b. via Wismar	12 steamers	
	6 sailboats	Potash
	2 sailboats	Plaster
USSR		
a. via Rostock	9 steamers	Miscellaneous goods
	8 "	Sugar
	4 "	Cement
	1 "	Paraffin
	1 sailboat	Matches
	1 "	Magnesium
b. via Wismar	3 steamers	Cement
	2 "	Sugar
	5 "	Miscellaneous goods
c. via Warnemuende	9 steamers	Miscellaneous goods
England		
a. via Warnemuende	8 steamers	Pit props
b. via Wismar	12 "	Boards

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Poland	348	Hard coal		
Denmark (by ferry)	20	Vivenda	19	Cheese
	16	Fish	9	Mail
	9	Charitable	2	"Rinderhaare"
	5	Asbestos	3	Cellulose
	1	Photograph	1	Jute bags

14. Goods exported to Denmark by ferry during 1949:

No. of Cars	Commodity	No. of Cars	Commodity
229	Timber		Textiles
139	Lumber		Glassware
8	Iron goods		Yarns
11	Paper		Earthenware
9	Miscellaneous goods		Machinery
3	Household goods		Mail

Reichsbahndirektion Halle

15. Goods exported during January 1949:

Destination	No. of Cars	Commodity	No. of Cars	Commodity
USSR	6	Food	164	Construction material
	585	Metals	146	Lumber
	99	Miscellaneous goods	410	Military goods
Poland	5	Military goods	1	Fuel
	34	Lumber	49	Scrap iron
	6	Miscellaneous goods	3	Metals
Czechoslovakia	31	Gasoline	18	Lumber
	39	Chemicals	8	Scrap iron
	25	Miscellaneous goods	1	Lumber
Norway	48	Sugar	3	Misc. goods
Sweden	32	Chemicals	3	Misc. goods
Yugoslavia	2	Metals		
Hungary	1	Miscellaneous goods		
Austria	32	Miscellaneous goods		
Switzerland	7	Miscellaneous goods		
Various countries via Stettin	810	Coal	93	Lumber
	200	Chemicals		Metals

The above figures do not include goods exported via the Rostock, Wismar, Stralsund, or Warnemünde harbors, or via inland ports.

Reichsbahndirektion Berlin

16. Occupation traffic during January 1949 amounted to 7,457 incoming and 3,885 outgoing cars.

17. Shipments to Russia and Poland during January 1949:

a. via Frankfurt/Oder	Ordinary traffic	9,835 cars, weight 118,020 tons
	Occupation traffic	1,749 " " 20,988 "
b. via Küstrin-Kietz	Ordinary traffic	406 cars, weight 6,094 tons

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18. Imports from Russia and Poland during January 1949:

a. via Frankfurt/Oder	Ordinary traffic	3,099 cars,	weight	55,762 tons
	Occupation traffic	1,011 "	"	18,218 "
b. via Küstrin-Kietz	Ordinary traffic	40 "	"	508 "

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